

Remarks

Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment, claims 1-9 remain in the Application, with claims 1 and 6 being the independent. Claims 1-4, 6, 8 and 9 are sought to be amended. Support for the above changes can be found throughout the Application, including, inter alia, at pages 14 and 15 of the specification and FIGs. 3 and 16 (e.g., step 1645) of the drawings.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner objects to claim 6 for alleged informalities. Paper No. 090105, page 2. The Examiner asserts that the phrase “on a first computer of the at least one computer” is difficult to understand. Id.

Although Applicants respectfully disagree, claim 6 has been amended to include the Examiner’s suggested language. Accordingly, Applicants consider this objection to be moot, and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to claim 6, and allowance thereof.

Claim Rejection – 35 USC § 102

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US2001/0005829 to Raveis, JR. (herein referred to as “Raveis”). Paper No. 090105, page 3. Notwithstanding the above Amendment, Applicants respectfully traverse.

With respect to the independent claims 1 and 6, the Examiner relies on Raveis to allegedly disclosed most of the recited elements or features. However, the Examiner fails to give patentable weight to some of the recited elements or features by arguing that:

[t]he exact nature of the information provided, not having any functional impact on the method, is non-functional descriptive matter. Even if the information in the present application’s claims differed from Raveis it would therefore not patentably distinguish the claims. In this case,

however, the descriptive material in the present application is essentially the same as in Raveis. Paper No. 090910, pages 3-4.

Applicants do not acknowledge or acquiesce in the Examiner's characterization of claims 1 and 6 (as originally presented or as amended) as having descriptive material, having any element or feature that "is essentially the same as in Raveis," or having any element or feature that does not have "any functional impact on the method." Claims 1 and 6 are sought to be amended, nonetheless, to better recite an embodiment(s) of Applicants' invention that include functional and structural features that are not disclosed in Raveis.

For example, independent claim 1 recites:

wherein said allowing navigation further includes associating with the first street a sequence of commands that, when executed, provides a first of said at least two additional computer screen displays to display information about closed realty deals facilitated by the computer system and on the first street, and

wherein said allowing navigation further includes associating with the first real property a sequence of commands that, when executed, provides a second of said at least two additional computer screen displays to display information about closed realty deals facilitated by the computer system and relating to the first real property.

It should be noted that the language "the first street" and "the first real property" (as it appears in the originally presented and the amended claims) is not "non-functional descriptive matter," as indicated by the Examiner. On the contrary, this language defines a physical or logical relationship among the other elements or features, and is designed to support specific data manipulation functions. See e.g., MPEP § 2106.IV.B.1. For example, this language represents a machine-implemented pointer, link, database keyword, reference, or the like that enables the retrieval of two distinct classes of information and the creation of two distinct displays that are populated with the two classes of information. See e.g., Applicants' specification at pages 14 and 15). Therefore, this language defines the structural and/or functional interrelationship among the claimed features and/or elements, and permit the recited functionality to be realized. See MPEP § 2106.IV.B.1(a). Applicants therefore respectfully request the Examiner to give full consideration to all elements and/or features of Applicants' claims.

Furthermore, Raveis does not disclose "allowing navigation by a single user selection from the first display to any one of at least two additional computer screen displays." The web pages depicted in FIGs. 3-6 of Raveis do not disclose Applicants' navigation feature. Even if Raveis disclosed this navigation feature (which it does not and Applicants do not concede), Raveis provides no teaching (or suggestion) for modifying its methods and systems to associate "with the first street a sequence of commands" and associate "with the first real property a sequence of commands" that perform the recited functionality.

Independent claim 6 is likewise allowable over Raveis for at least the same reasons stated above with respect to independent claim 1. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the Examiner's rejection of independent claims 1 and 6, and allowance thereof.

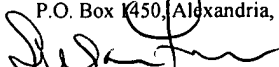
Claims 2-5 and 7-9 depend from independent claims 1 and 6, respectively. Therefore the dependent claims are patentable over Raveis for at least the reasons stated above, in addition to the features recited therein, which when combined with independent claims 1 and 6, are also not disclosed by Raveis.

Conclusion

Applicant submits that Claims 1-9 clearly distinguish over Raveis and are in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any still outstanding matters with respect to the present application.

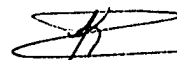
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